**Grade 9 Poetry Introduction and Research**

[www.poetryfoundation.org](http://www.poetryfoundation.org)

[www.poets.org](http://www.poets.org)

[www.bestteenpoems.com/](http://www.bestteenpoems.com/)

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Please make a **COPY** of this, share it with me, and fill it out in Google Docs.

1. What is poetry? Without using the Internet, write down your own definition of poetry.

2. Now read [these definitions](http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson848/observations.pdf) of poetry according to several poets (people who write poems) and authors. Which definition do you like the most? Copy and past it here and explain why you picked it.

3.  Now you will find a poem you like from [this site](http://www.poetryfoundation.org/browse/). Copy the poem below and include the URL.

4.  Why do you like this poem?  What does it mean to you?

5.  Who is the author (where is he/she from)?

6.  What are some of his/her famous poems (2-3)?

7.  Any other interesting information about the author or the poem (please include at least one additional piece of information you found interesting):